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TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN & BURGESSES

Of the Borough of Maldon.

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to present the following Report on the condition of the Maldon Port Sanitary District during 1908.

The Maldon Port Sanitary District includes the estuary of the Blackwater and its creeks, eastward to a line drawn south from the eastermost point of Mersea Island, and southward to a line drawn east from the northern border of Tillingham Parish.

The Riparian districts included in the Port Sanitary District are: In the Maldon Urban Sanitary District—The Parishes of All Saints', St. Mary's, and St. Peter's, Maldon. In the Maldon Rural Sanitary District—The Parishes of Heybridge, Gt. Totham, Lt. Totham, Goldhanger, Tolleshunt Major, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Tollesbury, Mundon, Latchingdon, Mayland, Steeple, St. Lawrence, and Bradwell. In the Lexden and Winstree Rural Sanitary District—The Parishes of Salcott, Virley, East and West Mersea.

The chief trade is with the following ports:

Foreign—Antwerp, Bruges, Terneuzen, Friederichstadt, Riga, Aben, Guernsey.

Coastwise—London, Rochester, Faversham, Harwich, Newcastle, Hull, Hartlepool, Grangemouth, Sunderland, Ipswich.

The chief Imports are—Foreign: Timber and Road Granite.

Coastwise—Coal, Iron, Grain, and Manure.

The chief Exports are—Hay, Straw, and Grain.

No rags, cattle, meat, passengers, emigrants, or transmigrants enter the Port.

Vessels entered during 1908.

		Vessels.	Tonnage.
Coastwise	...	1042	48861
Foreign...	...	30	3875
Total	...	1072	52736

Of these all the foreign vessels and 350 coasters were inspected by the Sanitary Inspector; 23 vessels were inspected by the Medical Officer of Health.

No sanitary defects were discovered. Even in Manure Barges the health of the crew seems excellent. The forecastle is rarely inhabited, and the after cabin as a rule is a model of cleanliness.

Infectious Disease.—No cases of Infectious Disease and no Deaths have been reported.

In case of Infectious Disease the patient would be landed at Mill Beach, and driven by ambulance to the Maldon Joint Hospital Board's Hospital, a distance of about two miles.

In case of Small Pox, Plague or Cholera, the Board's Isolation Tents at Little Totham, about three miles from Mill Beach, would be used. The tents, bedding, and furniture, are stored on the ground in a permanent iron building, intended to be used as a kitchen, and can at any time be erected in a few hours.

In case of the arrival of a Cholera ship, arrangements have been made for filling up her water tanks at Osea Island Pier, close to the Stansgate Mooring Station.

Disinfection of clothes, &c., would be carried out at the Isolation Hospital.

Lists of Ports infected with Cholera, Plague, and Yellow Fever, have been received from the Local Government Board. In case of vessels arriving from infected Baltic ports these lists have been forwarded to the Chief Customs' Officer, with orders to inform the M. O. H. and detain the ship for inspection should any arrive.

The Regulations under the Food Act, 1907, have been noted and pointed out to the Chief Customs' Officer, but there is no likelihood of this being required as there is no trade in meat at this port.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. REYNOLDS BROWN, M.D.